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9th September 2022. Autumn Term No 1

Welcome to Autumn 2022!

As we start a new year there is so much to share with you to ensure we can work together smoothly. I apologise if, on first glance, this looks overwhelming but please make yourself a drink and take a seat whilst you digest these key messages and get yourselves into the swing of a new school year.

The death of our Queen

Whether you are a royalist or not there is no question that Queen Elizabeth II was an inspiring woman, who was someone to look up to for our children. In school, we will be talking to the children about this key national event and linking it back to the Jubilee celebrations and our own tree nursery here at Padnell, planted in memory of the Queen. We have created a special "thought tree" display so children can write their messages to our new King.

As a Padnell Community, we send our condolences to King Charles III and his family.

If you need support in talking about death with your child, we suggest you use the following websites: Winston's Wish (<https://www.winstonswish.org/>) or Minded (<https://www.minded.org.uk/>)

THANK YOU

John, our Lollipop Man has asked to pass the following message on: "Thank you for my lovely cards and gifts, I hope you all had a good holiday."

Thank you too from the whole Padnell team for your end of term gifts and lovely cards and letters of support. We truly appreciate your kind words and generosity.

Giving Citizens this week

When discussing what this actually means, one child told me 'it is when you put the needs of others before your own'.

So, a huge thank you to those children who went home and used their own time to make a birthday card for a lady called Joan who will be celebrating her 105th birthday next week.

I also look forward to receiving either written or recorded applications for the roles of Play Leaders and Lunchtime Assistants from the year 2 children.

Year R

We have enjoyed getting to know your children during their Stay & Play sessions this week. We hope that you too have begun to make some new friends as you start your Padnell journey with us.

We look forward to seeing you at our Coffee Mornings next Tuesday & Wednesday (see our letter of 2nd September for details).

Years 1 & 2

All six classes have settled well and are already showing us what they can do. Curriculum Newsletters for each year group will be sent next week.

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Uniform

Thank you for supporting the school uniform policy, the children look very fresh and smart.

Please work with us and ensure these rules are followed throughout the year including hairstyles and accessories.

Padnell "Pre-Loved"

Ms Foster will be running a "pre-loved" stall, increasing the variety of uniform and clothing items we accept and pass on (including wellies, plimsolls and PE Kits etc.).

Thank you for all the donations we have already received. If your child has out-grown any of the items below, we would be very grateful if you could drop them into school next week. They will then be stored and can be purchased for another child to wear as they "GROW" here at Padnell.

We will then start selling from Tuesday 20th September - look out for Ms Foster and her trolley out on the playground!

Items we will be selling (and taking donations of):

- Trousers, skirts & shorts (£1 each)
- Dresses (£2 each)
- Jumpers and Cardigans (£3 each)
- School shoes, plimsolls, Wellies (£1 a pair)

If you would like to contact school at another time, either to donate or purchase uniform, please email Jo Foster at j.foster@padnell-inf.hants.sch.uk.

Note: The office will continue to hold a stock of jumpers and cardigans in the reception area for you to purchase in between these times too.

Library Reading Challenge

The summer reading challenge will continue until 17th September so if you did sign up but not quite finish, there is still time to complete the challenge and collect your medal.

Photographer

The school photographer will be in school on Friday 23rd September. Every child will have an individual photo taken for our systems. Photographers will also take photographs of siblings (within Padnell Infants). You will be given a code and website where you will be able to view and order your photographs if you wish to.

ATTENDANCE

As a school, we are striving for a Whole School Attendance figure of over 97%. We closely monitor each child's attendance and take action when it is below 95%. Any absence below 90% is a serious concern and we are directed to take further action in accordance with Government guidance.

If your child is ill then obviously they are unable to attend (and we ask you to keep them home for 48 hours after the last bout of sickness or diarrhoea), and although this will be recorded as an absence, it is an "authorised" absence.

It is your responsibility to let us know if your child is going to be absent. We must ask you to call the school and let us know by **9.15am** if your child will not be attending. You can ring any time before this, and leave a message on our answer machine.

If we have not heard from you by 9.15am

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then we will record the absence as unauthorised.

However, in line with safeguarding procedures we will continue to try and contact you or your emergency contacts in order to ensure the child is safe. If we are unable to make contact, we follow this up with a visit to the family home.

Gates/Intercom System

Our Door/Gate Intercom system only allows us to unlock the last entry point which was pressed. This includes the front door, so although we may see you we cannot unlock the door until you have pressed the buzzer.

Please note you are unable to use the driveway until after 4.15pm so will need to walk in if collecting from after school clubs before this time.

Responding to our Emails

The majority of our emails are sent via a database and will come from padnell-inf@scopay.com Please do not reply to this email address as we do not receive them. Perhaps you could store our office email: admin@padnell-inf.hants.sch.uk into your phone as this is the email address you need to use please.



Diary Dates

Attached is a list of Diary Dates for this year. We try to give you as much information as we can so that you can plan ahead, ensuring you can get time off work if necessary. We will endeavour to keep to these dates but I am sure you can appreciate that sometimes things have to be moved. We will keep you

informed of any changes. One such change is the Fresher's Gathering for Year R Parents. This will now be held on 22nd September.

Our INSET days were set early last year. They are:

Monday 31st October
Monday 28th November
Friday 10th February
Monday 13th March
Friday 7th July

Please be aware that Hampshire's County-wide Transition day will be on **Wednesday 5th July**. Each year group spends time in their new class/year on this day so please bear this in mind if booking term-time holidays to take advantage of the INSET day.

Wear a Scarf Day - 27th September

As part of being "Giving Citizens", and to raise awareness for children's mental health, we are participating in "Wear a Scarf Day" on Tuesday 27th September.

Children are invited to wear a scarf to school and we would ask for a 50p donation which will be donated to a children's Mental Health charity.

Reminders

A school runs effectively on systems, routines and policies. Further down you will find some general information and reminders of school life which help it run smoothly. Please remind yourself of these to prevent any difficult conversations with either yourself or your child. Thank you.

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Finally,.....

Thank you for taking the time to digest this first Newsletter of the Academic Year 2022-2023. We pride ourselves on keeping you fully informed throughout the year and appreciate your previous positive comments regarding our communication.

Please make our Website (www.padnell-inf.hants.sch.uk), your first point of call if you have mislaid a letter or need a reminder of upcoming events. All letters can be found in the "For Parents/Letters Sent Home" section, and event details are on the Notice Board: <https://padnell-inf.hants.sch.uk/notice-board>

All of us here at Padnell look forward to sharing a fun and successful year with you and your families.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Mandy Grayson
Headteacher

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Reminders:



ITEMS REQUIRED IN SCHOOL



Providing a PE kit is parents responsibility. Please ensure that your child

has a pair of black shorts and a plain white t-shirt along with suitable footwear. **This should all be named.**

All children need to have a pair of wellington boots in school, at all times.

They also require a **water bottle in class which must contain plain water only.** Anything else will be poured away in line with our Healthy Eating policy. Bottles can be purchased from the office for £1. These are to be **clear plastic only.** Please don't waste your money on fancy ones and any metal ones will be return home as unsuitable in school.

Parents are asked to provide an old pair of joggers or their own waterproof trousers in a named carrier bag which will be sent home for washing every half term.

Please be reminded that all items, including sandwich boxes and the little containers you put in the sandwich boxes, must be named.

Can we remind you that no boots should be worn to school and all long hair should be tied up (preferably plaited), to prevent the spread of head lice. **This is for all genders.**

All hair accessories should be black, white or purple. Thank you for supporting this policy.



MEDICINES

We are able to administer medicines which have been prescribed by the Doctor, that are required to be taken **four times a day.**

Please bring any medication into the office as you will need to complete a form and sign it

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in, and out on a daily basis.

We are able to administer Calpol if you have given your permission, but will call you first and send a MarvellousMe to confirm the dose we have given. We use the 'under 6' Calpol for all our children, no matter what their age or stature.

No Medicine should be sent in with a child alone.

School Dinners & Allergies



Every day your child is entitled to a free school dinner, provided by HC3S. These are balanced healthy meals which boost your child's energy levels for afternoon learning.

They are a great option and save you the hassle of making sandwiches and chasing lost lunchboxes at the end of the day!

Also, because the calorie content in a school dinner is only a third of a child's daily requirement, you can opt to share another family meal later that day or top them up with a light tea.

If however you do opt to provide your child with a packed lunch, **a balanced lunchbox should contain:**

- Starchy foods (bread, rice, potatoes, pasta etc.)
- Protein foods (meat, fish, eggs, beans etc.)
- A dairy item (cheese, yoghurt)
- Vegetables or salad and a portion of fruit

Please note that unbalanced lunchbox contents will be acted upon as it affects

attention, behaviour and health. If you want ideas on how to make your child's healthier then do please ask.



There are children within the school who are severely allergic to nuts.

Products containing nuts are **NOT ALLOWED** in school to keep all our children safe. We do allow chocolate items such as Penguins, Kit Kats, Wagon Wheels etc. but not larger bars or sweets. Also, **Chocolate Spread should not be of the nut variety.** Thank you for your support with this.



PARKING

Parking is a contentious issue for the majority of schools. Can I please ask you to park considerately, being mindful of our neighbours. It would be really lovely if I did not receive any angry emails from residents this year! Thank you.



SCOOTERS AND BIKES

We would like to encourage children to walk or ride to school as this helps us to alleviate the traffic problem. Our bike pods are situated near the main office. **We would like to remind you of our rule: there is no riding of bikes and scooters on the school grounds (this includes younger siblings).**

We ask children to dismount their bikes and scooters on the pavement and walk up the path pushing them. Please note the same

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rule applies across the Infant and Junior school grounds.

Book Bags

We do not have the space for rucksacks or alternative styled bags to the usual school bag style so again please ensure your child does not arrive with one. If you need a rucksack to put all school items into one then do so but unpack at the school playground and take the large bag back home please.

All correspondence for the office should come in your child's book bag please.

Bike Helmets

Again, due to space, although we encourage you to wear these, we cannot keep them inside the school building. Please either attach them to your child's bike or take them back home with you.

So many rules I know but all essential to the smooth running of a school with 270 children and over 50 staff.

Thank you to all of you who make life easier and kinder by following these fully.